

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

ADA Improvement: Access Ramps for Low-Mod Income Neighborhoods

Description:

This annual project is to construct sidewalk access ramps (curb cuts) in low-moderate income areas of the City as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level, thus qualifying for CDBG funding.



Additional citywide sidewalk access ramp installations are included as part of the City's annual program identified under Pedestrian Enhancement in the Public Works Streets-Transportation Capital Improvement Program. Access ramp prioritization is developed through the City's Access Advisory Committee. Each ramp costs approximately \$10,000 to construct.

Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

Access ramps are an identified priority by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, Neighborhood Advisory Council and Access Advisory Committee. Intersections targeted for improvements are located in low to moderate income areas of the City. Proposed ramps will meet ADA standards and will be designed to make crossing safer for the most vulnerable users (i.e. disabled, elderly, and pedestrians with strollers).

Status:

On-going project. There are approximately 143 ramps remaining in low-mod income areas of the City. Applying for a CDBG grant in FY 2015-2016 for 24 missing access ramps located along San Pascual Street and Sunset Ave between Pedregosa and Arrellaga Streets. Applying for a CDBG grant in FY 2016-2017 for 14 missing ramps in the vicinity of Oak Park.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
CDBG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	93,523	140,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$233,523
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	240,000	140,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	\$980,000	\$980,000
Total		93,523	140,000	240,000	140,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	\$980,000	\$1,213,523

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

ADA Improvement: Sidewalk Infill in Low-Mod Neighborhoods

Description:

Proposal to design sidewalk and construct sidewalk in low-moderate income areas of the City as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area (area defined by census blocks for Public Works projects), at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level, thus qualifying for CDBG funding.

According to the City's missing sidewalk links map there is approximately 19 miles of sidewalk needed within the low-mod areas of the City. Additional funding for the Sidewalk Infill Program comes from Measure A and other federal, state and regional grants. Sidewalk prioritization is discussed in the Streets Capital under the Sidewalk Infill Program.



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

Sidewalk infill is an identified priority by the Transportation Circulation Committee, Neighborhood Improvement Task Force, Neighborhood Advisory Council and Access Advisory Committee to improve pedestrian access by filling in missing links along the sidewalk network in the public right-of-way.

Status:

In FY 14/15, Council designated \$100,000 for design of CDBG eligible projects. With \$50,000 of those funds, sidewalk infill along Euclid Road, adjacent to the Santa Barbara Westside Center, will be designed. Applying for CDBG funding in FY2016-2017 to construct the sidewalk along Euclid. In FY 15/16, requesting general fund monies to design sidewalk infill along Alamar Road, adjacent to Oak Park. Applying for CDBG funding in FY2017-2018 to construct the sidewalk along Alamar.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
General Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$50,000
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
General Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total		0	50,000	50,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	\$1,550,000	\$1,600,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Enhancement: Bus Shelters for Low-Mod Income Neighborhoods

Description:

Coordinate with the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) to install prefabricated bus shelters with solar lighting in low-moderate income areas of the City as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level, thus qualifying for CDBG funding.

Each bus shelter costs about \$25,000 to prefabricate and install.



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

The project was identified by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and Neighborhood Advisory Council to install bus shelters along vital routes at high volume stops protect riders by the weather elements making the bus travel commute more comfortable.

Status:

On-going project. Remaining bus shelter installations will require a modified shelter design due to limited right of way. Design approval from the Architectural Review Board is required. Applying for a CDBG grant in FY 2016-2017.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
CDBG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	59,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$59,000
Total		59,000	0	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$500,000	\$559,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Enhancement: Health & Wellness at Neighborhood Parks

Description:

The purpose of this project is to install park improvements that promote active recreational use of neighborhood parks that are located in low-moderate income areas of the City as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Improvements could include dedicated fitness areas such as walking paths, adult fitness equipment and children's play areas.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level. The following parks are located within these 27 census blocks: Bohnett Park, Parque de Los Ninos, Plaza Vera Cruz, De la Guerra Plaza, Ortega Park, Eastside Neighborhood Park, Sunflower Park, Santa Barbara Municipal Tennis Courts, and Oak Park (portion of the park).



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

On February 4, 2014, Santa Barbara City Council adopted the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Resolution (14-004). One of the action items in the resolution is for planners and engineers to look for opportunities to plan and construct a built environment that encourages walking, biking, and other forms of physical activity.

According to Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's Fitness Promotion and Obesity Prevention Plan dated January 12, 2012, the following alarming statistics are happening in Santa Barbara County: 1) Over half of adults (54.3%), and one-third of teens (34.4%) in Santa Barbara County were overweight or obese in 2009. Over one-third (36.8%) of local 5th, 7th and 9th graders were overweight or obese in 2010, slightly below the state average of 38%. 2) Obesity rates are generally higher among lower-income groups and Latinos. For example, 73% of Latino adults were overweight or obese, compared to 49% of Whites. Screening of lower income preschool and kindergarten children by the Santa Barbara County Education Office Health Linkages Program found a combined overweight/obesity rate of 43% in 2010/ One-third (33.5%) of 2-5 year olds served by the County's Women Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program in 2010 were overweight or obese. The national Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System reported that 45.5% of local lower-income youth ages 5-20 were overweight or obese in 2009. 3) Obesity is a contributing factor to several leading causes of death and disease. In 2008, heart disease was the leading cause of death in Santa Barbara County, followed by stroke. Type 2 diabetes was the 8th leading cause of death. In 2009, 5.6% of County adults reported they had been diagnosed with diabetes.

Status:

Applying for CDBG Grant in FY 2015-2016 for playground equipment and adult fitness equipment at Bohnett Park (\$240,000). Applying for CDBG Grant in FY 2016-2017 for playground equipment at Plaza Vera Cruz (\$100,000). Applying for a CDBG Grant in FY 2017-2018 for adult fitness equipment at Eastside Neighborhood Park (\$75,000).

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	240,000	100,000	75,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$715,000	\$715,000

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Total	0	0	240,000	100,000	75,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$715,000	\$715,000
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Infrastructure Category: Essential Maintenance Essential Improvements Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Enhancement: Lower Westside/ Westside Street Light Improvement

Description:

The proposed project involves converting 120 Southern California Edison (SCE) street lights and 33 City street lights to Light Emitting Diodes (LED) in the Lower Westside and a portion of the Westside Neighborhood. The project boundary is defined by Pedregosa Street to the north, San Andres Street to the east, Highway 101 to the west and Montecito Street to the south. Although street light retrofits are not an eligible project under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the boundary area is located in the low-moderate income areas of the Lower Westside/Westside neighborhoods as defined under the CDBG Program.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income.



Street lighting improvement example: County of Santa Barbara Isla Vista LED Lighting October 2013
Photo source: edhat.com

Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

Current street lighting is High Pressure Sodium (HPS). Technology is changing to LED and Southern California Edison (SCE) now has a LED lighting retrofit option available. LED lighting provides better lighting quality, which improves traffic safety and general security as residents walk, bicycle or drive in the neighborhood. LED lighting is also more energy efficient than HPS lighting. Community outreach is necessary to determine if residents support this lighting enhancement.

Status:

Street light retrofits are not an eligible project under the CDBG Program. The project is currently listed as an unfunded need in the General Fund.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
General Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	185,000	0	0	0	\$185,000	\$185,000
Total		0	0	0	0	185,000	0	0	0	\$185,000	\$185,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Enhancement: Neighborhood Enhancement Program

Description:

A Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) would provide residents in low-moderate income neighborhoods with small project funds of \$500 to \$1,000 to address blight in their neighborhood. Residents interested in project funds are required organize their neighbors and demonstrate they will volunteer and support a small neighborhood project. For example, clean up a neighborhood park, community garden, and empty lot, or provide landscaping or plant trees and plants in the parkway. Residents can also use funds to adopt the home of a HUD eligible elderly homeowner by painting a house, fixing screen doors, fences, and wooden steps. The idea of the NEP is to get residents involved in a positive activity with their neighbors through the assistance of the City of Santa Barbara. Applicants will have to meet specific criteria, which requires approval by an internal review committee and approval by the Neighborhood Advisory Council. The NEP is managed by Neighborhood and Outreach Services with the assistance from other departments that might be impacted by a specific project.



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

The project was identified by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and Neighborhood Advisory Council to enhance and ensure a safe and healthy neighborhood environment.

Status:

The NEP is in the early stages of implementation with support from the General Fund. Future funding source is CDBG.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
General Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$60,000
Total		0	60,000	0	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	\$80,000	\$140,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Enhancement: Neighborhood Facility Improvements

Description:

Proposal for neighborhood facility interior and exterior improvements in low-moderate income neighborhoods as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Some of the improvements needed include the following:

1. New patio cover at Franklin Neighborhood Center.
2. New interior entry/greeting area and outdoor patio improvements at Louise Lowry Davis Center.
3. New ceiling and new interior lighting in the multipurpose room, replace exit doors to meet current building codes, renovate the restroom in kitchen, remodel restroom next to reception area, and renovate the restroom adjacent to the breezeway at the Westside Center. (Some work may be included in Public Works ICS Fund).
4. Technological upgrades at all facilities.



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

Improvements needed for facilities to function and provide patrons with quality services/facilities.

Status:

In FY 14/15, Council designated \$100,000 for design of CDBG eligible projects. \$50,000 of those funds will be used towards the following: 1) Design of interior entry/greeting area and outdoor patio improvements at Louise Lowry Davis Center, and 2) b.Design of restroom/breezeway and access improvements for the Westside Center. In FY16/17, City staff will apply for CDBG funding to construct the above improvements.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
General Fund	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$50,000
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
General Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total		0	50,000	50,000	250,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	\$900,000	\$950,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Enhancement: Union Pacific Railroad Corridor-Landscaping

Description:

The project is to plant vines on walls within low-moderate income areas of the City defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program that are adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad right of way. The vines aid in deterring graffiti.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level, thus qualifying for CDBG funding.



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

The project was identified by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and Neighborhood Advisory Council to reduce neighborhood blight in low-mod areas of the City.

Status:

Currently there are no immediate landscaping needs, however, the project will be kept in the Six Year CIP in case the need arises. The current focus is fencing along the Union Pacific Railroad to deter people from entering. Also note that no landscaping will be planted until the drought is over.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Total		0	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Safety: Park/Facility Safety Improvements

Description:

Design and install fencing and energy efficient lights to improve safety and visibility in neighborhood parks that are located in low-moderate income areas of the City as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level. The following parks are located within these 27 census blocks: Bohnett Park, Parque de Los Ninos, Plaza Vera Cruz, Spencer Adams Park, De la Guerra Plaza, Ortega Park, Eastside Neighborhood Park, Sunflower Park, Santa Barbara Municipal Tennis Courts, and Oak Park (portion of the park). The following centers are located with the 27 census blocks: Franklin Neighborhood Center, Westside Center, Louise Lowry Davis Center, and Twelve 35 Teen Center.



Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

The project was identified by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and Neighborhood Advisory Council to deter nuisance activities.

Status:

The following projects are recommended:

1. Retrofit existing park lights to LED in Eastside Neighborhood Park (not eligible for CDBG) in FY15.
2. Replace wooden post and rail fencing with same material in Bohnett Park in FY16 (\$45,000).
3. Fencing around the dug out and backstop proposed at Ortega Park in FY 2021 (\$75,000).

Capital Costs:

Funding Sources	Funded	Prior Yr.	Current Yr.	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	Six Year Total	Project Total
		Expense	Budget								
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	45,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Total		0	0	45,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	\$120,000	\$120,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

Neighborhood Improvement Taskforce

Safety: Union Pacific Railroad Corridor-Fencing

Description:

Provide fencing along portions of the Union Pacific (railroad) Corridor that are located within low-moderate income areas of the City as defined under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The CDBG Program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. With respect to activities that benefit all the residents of a given area, at least 51 percent of the area's residents must be low and moderate income. The City has 27 census blocks where at least 51 percent of the residents fall within the low-mod income level, thus qualifying for CDBG funding.

Many low mod neighborhoods throughout Santa Barbara run adjacent to railroad property and have no physical or natural barriers between the railroad corridor and the subsequent activity created in these areas. The community and businesses have had ongoing concerns including:

- Safety concerns for children and pedestrians living next to or walking near these locations.
- Illegal dumping on property bordering the railroad and homes. Trash generated from homeless living around the railroad is visible from neighborhoods and encourages illegal dumping.
- Illegal activity & traffic around homes as a result of homeless living near the railroad and gang activity in these areas.
- Graffiti as a result of a general sense of decay in neighborhoods.

Specific Plans or Policies Relating to this Project:

The project was identified by the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force and Neighborhood Advisory Council. The goal of this project is to provide a long-term solution by installing chain link fencing along railroad property which would (1) keep residents and children safe from the danger of moving trains and the activity that surrounds these locations and (2) make access into the railroad property more difficult for those that are using it as an area to conduct illegal activity.

Status:

Currently there are approximately eight areas that need fencing: 1) near Las Positas and Modoc, 2) near Pilgrim Terrace, 3) near Oak Ave and Mission St, 4) near Arrellega, 5) near the Micheltorena Overpass, 6) near Walnut and Figueroa, 7) near Carrillo and Highway 101, and 8) near Wentworth Ave from Canon Perdido to the Ortega foot bridge.

Capital Costs:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Prior Yr. Expense</u>	<u>Current Yr. Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>Six Year Total</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
CDBG	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Total		0	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

Infrastructure Category:

- Essential Maintenance
 Essential Improvements
 Non-Essential Improvements

